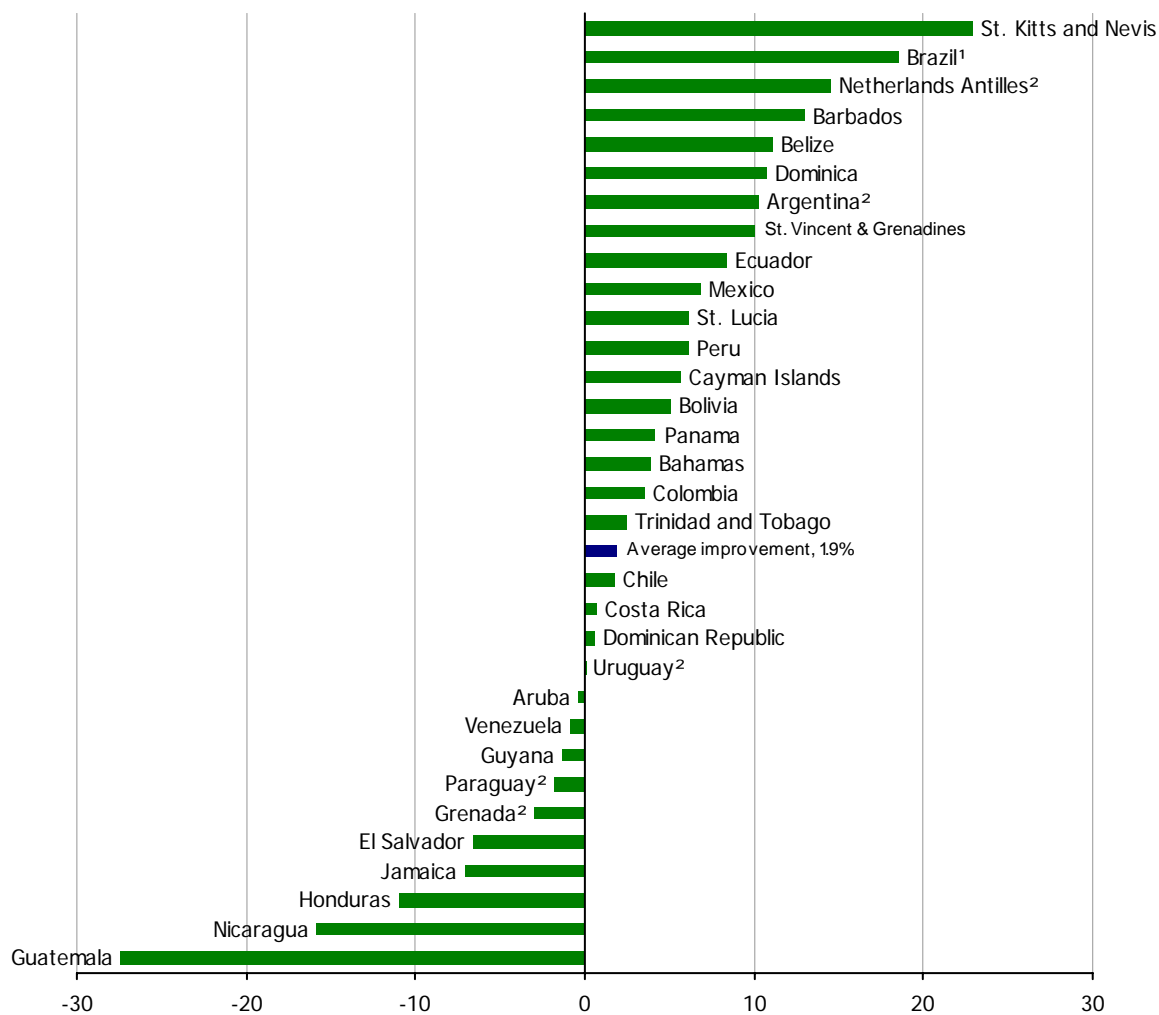


### Improvement in Female Primary Completion Rate 1999 - 2004

Improvement over 1999's average female primary completion rate in percentage points



## 4.1 | Literacy

### estimated literacy rates - percentage

	Adult, 2000-2004			Youth, 2000-2004			Ratio of Young Literate Females to Males	
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	1990	2004
Aruba	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100.3
Bahamas	.	.	.	.	.	.	102.2	.
Barbados	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	.
Belize	76.9	76.7	77.1	84.2	83.9	84.5	.	.
Dominican Republic	87.7	88.0	87.3	94.0	93.1	95.0	101.6	102.6
Guyana	.	.	.	.	.	.	100.0	.
Haiti	51.9	53.8	50.0	66.2	65.8	66.5	96.3	.
Jamaica	87.6	83.8	91.4	94.5	91.3	97.8	109.3	.
Martinique	97.6	97.2	98.0	99.8	99.8	99.8	.	.
Netherlands Antilles	96.7	96.7	96.7	98.3	98.2	98.5	100.4	.
Puerto Rico	94.1	93.9	94.4	97.7	97.1	98.4	.	.
St. Lucia	90.1	89.5	90.6	95.4	94.8	95.9	.	.
Suriname	88.0	92.3	84.1	93.5	95.1	92.1	.	98.5
Trinidad and Tobago	98.5	99.0	97.9	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	.
<b>Caribbean</b>								
Costa Rica	95.8	95.7	95.9	98.4	98.1	98.7	100.6	100.9
El Salvador	79.7	82.4	77.1	88.9	89.6	88.1	97.0	.
Guatemala	69.1	75.4	63.3	82.2	86.4	78.4	82.3	90.8
Honduras	80.0	79.8	80.2	88.9	86.9	90.9	103.0	104.6
Nicaragua	76.7	76.8	76.6	86.2	83.6	88.8	101.4	106.2
Panama	91.9	92.5	91.2	96.1	96.5	95.6	99.1	99.1
<b>Central America</b>								
Argentina	97.2	97.2	97.2	98.9	98.7	99.1	100.4	100.4
Bolivia	86.5	92.9	80.4	97.3	98.5	96.1	92.5	97.5
Brazil	88.4	88.3	88.6	96.6	95.6	97.7	102.9	102.2
Chile	95.7	95.8	95.6	99.0	98.8	99.2	100.4	100.4
Colombia	94.2	93.7	94.6	97.6	96.7	98.4	101.3	100.9
Ecuador	91.0	92.3	89.7	96.4	96.4	96.5	98.8	100.1
Paraguay	91.6	93.1	90.2	96.3	96.2	96.5	99.3	.
Peru	87.7	93.5	82.1	96.8	97.8	95.7	95.1	97.8
Uruguay	97.7	97.3	98.1	99.1	98.8	99.4	100.8	.
Venezuela	93.0	93.3	92.7	97.2	96.3	98.1	101.2	101.8
<b>South America</b>								
Mexico	90.3	92.0	88.7	97.6	97.9	97.3	98.4	100.1
<b>LAC</b>								

## 4.2 | Public Expenditure on Education

	Total Expenditures (% of GDP)				Total Expenditures (% of Total Govt. Expenditure)				Total Expenditure per Pupil (% of per capita GDP)		
	2000	2001	2002		2000	2001	2002		2000	2001	2002
Anguilla	.	.	.		.	.	10.4		.	.	.
Antigua and Barbuda	.	.	3.8		.	.	.		.	.	.
Aruba	4.8	4.8	5.1		16.0	17.2	15.6		16.5	16.6	17.6
Barbados	7.1	7.0	7.6		18.5	16.7	17.3		32.9	.	.
Belize	5.8	5.6	5.2		20.9	20.0	18.1		.	.	16.7
British Virgin Islands	.	.	.		.	9.0	.		.	.	.
Dominican Republic	.	2.3	2.3		.	13.2	12.4		.	.	.
Grenada	.	.	5.1		.	.	12.9		.	.	13.5
Guyana	8.5	8.4	8.4		18.2	18.4	18.4		.	.	24.7
Jamaica	6.1	6.1	4.9		11.1	12.3	9.5		22.9	22.2	19.8
Montserrat	.	.	.		6.6	3.5	.		.	.	.
Netherlands Antilles	.	.	.		13.6	12.8	.		.	.	.
St. Kitts and Nevis	6.4	7.6	3.2		14.7	19.0	7.9		.	15.0	8.6
St. Lucia	7.5	7.8	7.7		.	.	.		.	.	.
St. Vincent and Grenadines	9.3	9.5	10.0		13.4	17.7	20.3		30.1	.	32.0
Trinidad and Tobago	3.8	4.2	4.3		12.5	13.4	.		.	19.0	.
Turks and Caicos Islands	.	.	.		16.8	16.0	16.5		.	.	.
<b>Caribbean</b>											
Costa Rica	4.4	4.7	5.1		20.0	21.1	22.4		18.7	.	21.2
El Salvador	2.5	2.5	2.9		18.6	19.4	20.0		8.6	.	9.9
Nicaragua	3.9	3.7	3.1		13.8	13.0	15.0		.	.	11.7
Panama	5.0	4.3	4.5		7.4	7.3	7.7		19.1	14.6	15.5
<b>Central America</b>											
Argentina	4.6	4.8	4.0		13.7	13.5	13.8		14.5	15.4	12.9
Bolivia	5.5	6.0	6.3		23.1	18.4	19.7		.	15.0	17.7
Brazil	4.3	4.2	.		12.0	12.0	.		13.8	13.7	.
Chile	3.9	.	4.2		17.5	.	18.7		15.1	.	16.0
Colombia	4.3	4.5	5.2		17.7	18.0	15.6		18.1	19.6	18.1
Ecuador	1.3	1.0	.		8.0	8.0	.		.	.	.
Paraguay	4.9	4.8	4.4		11.2	9.7	11.4		16.5	15.9	14.2
Peru	.	2.9	3.0		.	23.5	17.1		.	9.3	8.0
Uruguay	2.8	3.2	2.6		11.8	12.8	9.6		11.0	12.5	9.7
<b>South America</b>											
Mexico	.	5.2	5.3		.	24.3	.		.	17.2	17.3
<b>LAC</b>											

### 4.3 | Gross and Net Enrollment Ratios

Percent of relevant age group

	Pre-primary (gross)		Primary (gross)		Secondary (gross)		Tertiary (gross)			Primary (net)		Secondary (net)	
	2002	2004	2002	2004	2002	2004	2002	2004		2002	2004	2002	2004
Aruba	100	100	114	114	101	98	28	29		98	98	78	74
Bahamas	31	.	93	93	93	80	.	.		87	84	77	74
Barbados	89	89	108	107	103	110	.	.		100	100	87	95
Belize	28	28	120	124	73	85	.	3		97	99	64	71
Bermuda	52	.	102	.	86	.	62	.		.	.	86	.
Cayman Islands	48	44	105	93	89	97	.	.		94	87	83	91
Dominica	.	65	.	95	.	107	.	.		.	88	.	90
Dominican Republic	34	32	122	112	66	68	.	33		99	86	40	49
Guyana	116	108	124	126	93	.	.	9		.	99	.	.
Jamaica	82	.	95	.	84	.	19	.		90	.	76	.
Netherlands Antilles	113	.	124	.	88	.	24	.		.	.	78	.
St. Lucia	73	71	103	106	76	74	.	14		96	98	62	63
St. Vincent and Grenadines	.	86	103	106	69	78	.	.		94	94	53	62
Suriname	91	.	119	.	74	.	12	.		92	.	63	.
Trinidad and Tobago	63	86	96	102	80	84	7	12		.	92	70	72
<b>Caribbean</b>													
Costa Rica	61	64	108	112	66	68	19	.		90	92	52	50
El Salvador	48	50	111	113	58	60	17	18		89	91	47	.
Guatemala	27	28	108	113	44	49	10	.		89	93	31	34
Honduras	.	33	.	118	.	.	.	16		.	91	.	.
Nicaragua	31	35	112	112	60	64	18	.		88	88	38	41
Panama	55	55	112	112	71	70	43	46		100	100	63	64
<b>Central America</b>													
Argentina	62	.	118	.	99	.	61	.		.	.	81	.
Bolivia	48	48	116	113	86	89	38	41		95	95	71	74
Brazil	55	.	145	.	110	.	20	.		97	.	75	.
Chile	53	.	100	.	86	.	41	.		86	.	76	.
Colombia	37	38	110	111	71	75	24	27		87	83	55	55
Ecuador	74	77	118	117	60	61	.	.		99	99	50	52
Paraguay	30	.	110	.	65	.	26	.		89	.	51	.
Peru	58	.	118	.	90	.	.	.		100	.	69	.
Uruguay	64	.	109	.	106	.	38	.		90	.	73	.
Venezuela	52	55	107	105	68	72	38	.		93	92	57	61
<b>South America</b>													
Mexico	76	.	109	.	76	.	22	.		100	.	60	.
<b>LAC</b>													

## 4.4 | Women and Education

	Females in Primary Education (% of total)				Females in Secondary Education (% of total)			
	Pupils 2001	Pupils 2002	Teachers 2001	Teachers 2002	Pupils 2001	Pupils 2002	Teachers 2001	Teachers 2002
Anguilla	49.0	49.7	91.7	91.2	50.6	50.7	62.2	62.8
Aruba	48.2	48.0	79.7	92.2	51.5	51.6	48.8	49.9
Bahamas	49.5	49.5	93.2	93.2	51.0	50.1	66.6	66.6
Barbados	49.2	48.9	75.1	76.7	49.4	49.7	59.1	58.9
Belize	48.3	48.8	65.0	69.2	50.3	50.6	64.6	64.7
Bermuda	50.3	.	88.0	.	51.5	.	67.3	.
British Virgin Islands	49.0	47.9	87.5	88.6	50.5	53.7	63.3	65.3
Cayman Islands	49.4	.	80.8	.	50.4	.	54.5	.
Dominica	48.0	48.3	79.1	83.8	52.1	51.7	66.6	60.7
Dominican Republic	49.4	49.5	82.5	.	54.3	54.2	72.2	.
Grenada	48.3	49.6	78.5	77.8	52.9	48.9	62.9	63.0
Guyana	48.8	48.9	85.4	85.4	50.1	50.4	70.1	70.1
Jamaica	48.9	48.9	.	90.4	50.4	50.1	66.8	66.9
Montserrat	45.2	45.2	95.7	92.0	48.2	48.5	54.5	54.5
Netherlands Antilles	49.2	49.2	86.4	86.4	52.4	52.1	54.7	54.7
St. Kitts and Nevis	49.3	49.0	86.8	85.1	50.9	54.5	60.5	66.7
St. Lucia	48.9	48.4	84.0	85.2	56.9	55.7	63.9	63.4
St. Vincent and Grenadines	48.4	48.7	70.9	73.1	54.1	52.0	59.6	59.0
Suriname	48.7	48.7	85.1	85.1	57.2	56.3	68.3	60.9
Trinidad and Tobago	49.1	48.6	77.9	75.1	51.8	51.4	60.6	61.2
Turks and Caicos Islands	48.9	48.8	87.4	87.4	49.8	49.2	62.4	64.4
<b>Caribbean</b>								
Costa Rica	48.5	48.1	78.8	79.7	.	50.5	52.6	54.2
El Salvador	48.1	47.8	.	.	49.5	49.6	.	.
Guatemala	47.0	47.2	.	.	47.1	47.0	.	.
Honduras	49.6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Nicaragua	49.3	48.9	82.4	81.6	53.5	53.3	61.5	55.9
Panama	48.2	48.2	75.4	75.6	50.8	50.7	52.9	56.8
<b>Central America</b>								
Argentina	49.1	49.2	86.4	86.4	50.8	50.7	.	66.0
Bolivia	48.8	48.8	61.1	61.7	48.3	48.3	52.6	50.8
Brazil	47.8	47.9	92.1	89.6	51.6	51.6	78.4	79.5
Chile	.	48.5	.	77.3	.	49.6	.	63.1
Colombia	48.8	48.8	77.0	76.9	51.6	51.6	50.6	50.4
Ecuador	49.1	49.1	69.2	69.4	49.4	49.6	49.1	49.3
Paraguay	48.2	48.2	.	71.9	49.8	49.8	61.6	61.1
Peru	49.1	49.1	63.7	67.0	47.5	47.5	.	44.0
Uruguay	48.4	48.4	.	.	52.2	52.0	.	.
Venezuela	48.5	48.4	.	.	52.8	52.5	.	.
<b>South America</b>								
Mexico	48.8	48.8	65.7	.	50.9	51.5	45.3	.
<b>LAC</b>								

## Sources and Technical Notes – Education

### Figure

**Source** World Bank, *World Development Indicators* (online version) as of May, 2006.

**Notes** All countries' female current completion rates are compared to the LAC region's average completion rate in 1999. All countries are compared using the latest available data, which is 2004, except for the following: <sup>1</sup> 2001, <sup>2</sup> 2003.

### Table 4.1

#### Literacy

**Sources** *Adult and Youth Literacy Rates*: UNESCO through the USAID *Global Education Database* (Online version). *Ratio of Young Literate Females to Males*: World Bank, *World Development Indicators* (online version) as of May, 2006.

**Definition** *Adult literacy rate* is the percentage of people aged 15 and above who are literate. Data taken over the period 2000-2004. *Youth literacy rate* reflects the percent of people between the ages of 15 and 25 who are literate. Data taken over the period 2000-2004. *Ratio of young literate females to males* indicates the ratio of young literate females to males ages 15-24 who can, with understanding, read and write a short, simple statement on their everyday life; expressed as a percentage.

**Note** The definition of literacy varies by country.

### Table 4.2

#### Public Expenditure on Education

**Source** UNESCO through the USAID *Global Education Database* (Online version).

**Definitions** *Education Expenditure* is defined as expenditure on the provision, management, inspection and support of pre-primary, primary and secondary schools; universities and colleges; vocational, technical and other training institutions; and general administration and subsidiary services.

### Table 4.3

#### Gross and Net Enrollment Ratios

**Source** World Bank, *World Development Indicators* (online version) as of May, 2006.

**Definitions** *Gross enrollment ratio* is the number of students enrolled in a level of education, whether or not they belong in the relevant age group for that level, as a percentage of the population in the relevant age group for that level. *Net enrollment* is the number of students enrolled in a level of education who belong in the relevant age group, as a percentage of the population in that age group.

Estimates are based on UNESCO's classification of education levels, as follows. *Preprimary* provides education for children not old enough to enter school at the primary level. *Primary* provides the basic elements of education at elementary or primary schools. *Secondary* provides general or specialized instruction at middle, secondary, or high schools, teacher training schools, and vocational or technical schools. This level of education is based on at least four years of instruction at the primary level. *Tertiary* requires, as a minimum condition of admission, the successful completion of education at the secondary level or evidence of attainment of an equivalent level of knowledge and is provided at universities, teachers colleges, and higher-level professional schools.

**Notes** Net enrollment rates higher than 100% are due to inconsistencies between enrollment and population data.

### Table 4.4

#### Women and Education

**Source** UNESCO through the USAID *Global Education Database* (Online version).

**Definitions** *Primary* education provides the basic elements of education at elementary or primary schools. *Secondary general education* is defined as general instruction at middle, secondary, or high schools. This level of education is based on at least four years of instruction at the primary level. *Female teachers as a percentage of total teachers* includes full-time and part-time teachers. *Female pupils as a percentage of total pupils* includes enrollments in public and private schools but may exclude specialized schools and training programs.